

GERMAN RAIDER ON ATLANTIC SINKS OR CAPTURES 23 SHIPS

CONGRESS 'LEAK' COMMITTEE GETS EXTENSION OF 30 DAYS; MAY INVADE WALL STREET

Lawson Is Roundly Denounced on the Floor and Inquiry Is Called a Huge Farce.

HEARING IS POSTPONED.

Mrs. Visconti Subpoenaed, and She and Big Banking Men Will Testify To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The House of Representatives this afternoon by unanimous consent authorized the Peace Note "Leak" Committee to employ counsel and accountants and hold hearings here or elsewhere.

The elsewhere, it is believed here, will be in Wall Street, New York.

After a preliminary delay in the House, Representative Pou of Pennsylvania, "the name of Samuel Undermyer, but I suggest that Charles Evans Hughes might be a good man for the committee to consider."

This drew laughter from the Democratic side and a ripple of applause from the Republicans. In the interruption a Democrat shouted, "who is he?" Representative Garrett, Democrat, replying to questions, told the House that while there were differences of views within the Rules Committee, all its members agreed that they had not gone far enough to enable it to make a report "as intelligent" and "of the character" that they believed the House expected.

Representative Howard of Georgia opposed the employment of Undermyer. "The services of Samuel Undermyer will not be satisfactory to me nor to ninety per cent. of my constituents," Howard declared. Howard declared Thomas W. Lawson had virtually arranged with Undermyer to conduct the hearings and he objected to permitting "the defendant's counsel to choose the witnesses." He also characterized Lawson's story as a "myth."

Representative Moore, who suggested Mr. Hughes, insisted that Howard make some comment on his proposal.

"I have been taught by my mother to speak respectfully of the dead," replied Howard amid roars of laughter from both sides.

Republican Leader Mann declared: "I am convinced that the employment of either Samuel Undermyer or Mr. Hughes would be an act of such gross impropriety that it would not be considered for a moment by the committee. I hope and believe," Mr. Mann added, "that the investigation will show that no public official in high places has been guilty of that which would be treason to the country and the people through the betrayal of a trust."

Representative Caldwell of New York called the investigation a fishing excursion. "Samuel Undermyer," he said, "for many years has been trying to get some legislative body to employ

BRITISH FIRM GETS \$3,141,000 SHELL ORDER FROM U. S.

Daniels Announces Inability to Get American Concerns to Reduce Bids.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Hadfields Limited, an English munition company, was awarded a contract today by Secretary Daniels for armor-piercing navy projectiles of the fourteen and sixteen inch types totalling \$3,141,000. The agreement calls for 4,500 fourteen inch and 3,000 sixteen inch shells.

In competition with American manufacturers, principally the Bethlehem Steel Company, Hadfields far underbid them. On sixteen-inch shells the English price was \$513 each and the Bethlehem \$775. On fourteen-inch shells Hadfields bid \$356, and the lowest American price was \$500.

Announcing the award, Secretary Daniels said the Navy Department had made every effort to secure reductions in prices which would enable it to give a contract to an American concern, but had failed to obtain satisfactory bids. The small use of navy projectiles by the British fleet so far in the war is supposed to afford opportunity for English makers to work on foreign contracts. Commenting recently on the shell bids, Eugene C. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Company, said:

"I am unable to state the basis upon which the English bid was made. This bid was for a specific shell, samples of which are being sent over for test. Two years ago we took an order for 2,400 fourteen-inch armor-piercing shells at a contract price of \$768,000. "In placing the particular order the Navy Department altered the angle at which the tested shells must pierce armor plate. The proposition was new. The result has been absolute inability on our part, or of any other manufacturers, to produce in any quantity, shells which will meet these novel tests."

"The result is that up to now on that contract of \$768,000 we have put into actual operating expense \$447,881, and have been penalized for non-delivery \$495,744, a total of \$943,625, with no receipts whatever."

U. S. COWBOYS FIRED ON, KILL SIX MEXICANS

Americans Attacked Near Nogales While Herding Back Cattle "Rustled" Across Border.

NOGALES, Ariz., Jan. 17.—Six Mexicans were killed Sunday by two American cowboys thirty miles west of here when they were fired upon while herding back cattle "rustled" by the Mexicans, according to reports to the Sheriff's office here.

A troop of Utah cavalry, stationed here, is on the way to the ranch of the Arava Land and Cattle Company, on the American side of the border, owners of the cattle.

RAE TANZER LOST HEART TO "OLIVER" IN TEN MINUTES

She Also Admits That She Was First to Smile at Initial Meeting.

HOLDS TO HER STORY.

Declares Under Cross Examination It Was James W. Osborne Who Wooed Her.

On the stand to-day at the Safford perjury trial Rae Tanzer continued to insist that it was James W. Osborne, the lawyer, and not Charles W. Wax, the adventurer, who wooed her and promised to marry her. She admitted that when she met the man who was known to her later as "Oliver Osborne" she was the first to smile. She also declared that she lost her heart to him in ten minutes and that within an hour or so she agreed to be his wife.

Benjamin Slade, her counsel, asked the witness about her inquiries to learn more of the identity of the Osborne who had made her acquaintance.

"Whenever I wanted to find out who he was," she said, "he always said 'Now don't let's dispute, don't let's quarrel.'"

The girl, throughout her testimony referred to "Oliver Osborne" as James W. Osborne and frequently in a somewhat loud tone. She was so eager with her answers that Judge Hand had to caution her not to make replies after she had been told not to answer.

Q. When did Mr. Osborne go to dinner in your home? A. James W. Osborne came there in November, 1914. My sister Dora, my cousin Tillie Oscher and I were present.

Q. Where did you sit? A. We all sat in the sitting room till dinner time and then went into the dining room.

Here Mr. Slade introduced and had identified a pair of thick white curtains. Miss Tanzer said they were the ones which had hung on the dining room window. Mrs. Mildred Silverstone, the sole new witness the prosecution presented, testified several days ago that she had looked from her apartment, across the air shaft from the Tanzer flat, and had seen Wax, whom she identified, at dinner there.

Q. Were these curtains over the dining room window when Mr. Osborne was in your apartment? A. Yes, I drew them across myself when we went in to dinner so that no one could have seen in.

Q. How long did Mr. Osborne stay in your home? A. About two hours. We went to a moving picture show afterward.

SAYS TWO VISITORS WANTED HER TO "SETTLE."

Q. Did you ever go to Mr. Osborne's office? A. Yes, several times, but I didn't find him there. I went there in February, 1915, but he wasn't in.

Q. You recall a visit paid to you in February, 1915, by Mr. Haskins and Mr. Hawley? A. Yes, they came to the place I worked on February 18. Mr. Haskins showed me a badge and said to me, "I'm from Police Headquarters. Do you know Mr. James W. Osborne?" I told him I did. He made me very nervous. He showed me a letter which didn't have any stamp on it.

The letter, placed before her by Mr. Slade, the witness identified as one

NEUTRAL SINGER DOVE OF PEACE IN SONGBIRDS' ROW

Court Appoints Amato to Take Daughter From Matzenauer to Fontana.

DISCORD DUE TO WAR.

Contralto Suing Italian for Divorce Opposed His Efforts to See Little Girl.

Justice Cobhan decided this afternoon that Edward Ferrarri-Fontana, the celebrated tenor, who is in New York on special leave of absence from the Italian army granted by the King to defend a divorce suit brought by his wife, Mme. Matzenauer, the Metropolitan Opera House contralto, has a right to see his three-year-old daughter Adrian.

The Court issued an order directing that Mme. Matzenauer shall deliver two or three times a week her daughter to the custody of Pasquale Amato, the baritone godfather of the child, and that Amato is to take the little one to her father and be responsible for her safe return to her mother.

It is the war in Europe that has made necessary a court order to enable Fontana to see his child. Prior to the eruption of hostilities abroad Fontana and his temperamental wife lived in peace, too, although she is an Austrian and a most pronounced patriot.

When the war broke out Fontana could not believe that the Central Powers were right, and his wife firmly announced that Italy was wrong, and after a while Fontana went away to Italy to join the army.

Mme. Matzenauer in the course of time brought suit for divorce, specifying five women. The news reached Fontana on the Austrian front. Obtaining leave of absence, he hurried to Rome, and, after great effort, obtained permission to visit New York and fight the action.

Not having seen his baby for more than a year, Fontana sent, through Amato, who, although an Italian, has remained on friendly terms with Mme. Matzenauer—possibly because they are only friends—a request to his wife that he be allowed to visit the child. Mme. Matzenauer sent back a refusal. In court the other day she expressed the fear that her husband would kidnap little Adrian and take her to Italy.

Through his counsel, Nicholas Selvaggi, Fontana sued out a writ of habeas corpus and Justice Cobhan heard the arguments to-day. Fontana declared that he is as well qualified to take care of his daughter as his wife, because the wife has gone on motor boat rides and indulged in other amusements against his wishes.

Japanese to Raise Fund for Allies Wounded.

TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 17.—At a gathering of representative Japanese to-day, among whom was Premier Terauchi, it was voted to send a popular commission to all the Entente countries, probably in April, to express Japan's sympathy for the wounded and for other war sufferers. An appeal will be made throughout the empire for subscriptions in an effort to raise as large a fund as possible.

Loaded Shell Found in Battery Park.

While walking through Battery Park shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, William Lawrence, a Park Department foreman, suddenly came upon an unexploded three-inch shell. He turned it over to the police of Traffic A at Battery Place and the Bureau of Combustibles was notified.

MME. MATZENAUER, WHO MUST LET HER HUSBAND SEE CHILD



MME. MATZENAUER. MIMKIN STUDIO.

'SEND AID; I'M TO BE SHOT,' WIRES WOMAN IN MEXICO

Is Prisoner at Chihuahua City on Charge of Being a Spy for Villa.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 17.—"For God's sake send me aid! I'm to be shot," was the message that reached relatives here to-day from Mrs. Henrietta Mueller, a German woman imprisoned in Chihuahua City, charged with being a Villa spy.

Friends have appealed to the German Consul at El Paso and have retained a lawyer in Chihuahua City. Mrs. Mueller was arrested Dec. 15.

"WHO IS REPRESENTING US ABROAD?" ASKS SENATOR

Works of California Introduces the Query in a Resolution in the Upper House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Senator Works (California) this afternoon introduced in the Senate a resolution asking Secretary Lansing who is representing this Government or the President in foreign countries.

Works denied the resolution applies to Col. E. M. House, the President's personal friend and adviser, who has made trips to Europe as a representative of President Wilson. Senator Works attempted to have the Senate consider the resolution, but on motion of Senator Hitchcock it was diverted to the Foreign Relations Committee without action.

Senator Works later said his object was to disclose informal negotiations in Mexican affairs.

GERMAN BEER DRINKING RULE

Only So Much in One Restaurant, but Customers May Move On. BERLIN, Jan. 17 (via London).—Munich military authorities struggling with the beer shortage problem have limited the amount which may be served daily to any customer to one-half liter glass with luncheon and three half-liter glasses with dinner.

The order does not prevent a customer going from one restaurant to another and drinking the maximum amount at each, but it aims to break up the club habit of sitting hours at a stretch drinking the beer resources at the big popular cafes.

Woman Burned in Bakery.

The dress of Mrs. Marie Kunkel of No. 754 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, brushed against a hot stove in the rear of her bakery store at noon to-day and caught fire. The woman was severely burned about the body before her husband came to her aid and beat out the flames.

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237 VICTIMS LANDED; RAIDER STILL AT LARGE

BRITISH ADMIT 12 VESSELS LOST IN SOUTHERN RAID

Ten Sunk and Two Captured by German Raider, Admiralty Announces.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The British Admiralty to-day announced the sinking of eight British and two French merchantmen in the South Atlantic by a German raider. Two other vessels are announced as captured.

The Admiralty announcement was made following the receipt of dispatches from Buenos Ayres. It declared the Japanese steamship Hudson Maru landed the masters and 237 men of the crews of the merchantmen which were destroyed by the raider. Following is the official announcement:

"For some time past it had been assumed that the following British and French merchant ships which had long been overdue had been sunk by a German raider: British—Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minieh, Netherby Hall, Mount Temple, King George, George, Voltaire, French—Nantes and Asnières. Definite information has now been received from Pernambuco confirming this assumption.

"On the evening of Monday the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru arrived off Pernambuco, having on board the masters and 237 men of the crews of some of the lost vessels, which were sunk on various dates between Dec. 12 and Jan. 12.

In addition the steamer St. Theodore was captured and a prize crew put on board, and the steamer Yarrowdale was captured and sent away with about 400 men—the crews of others of the sunk vessels—who were to be landed. No further news has yet been received of their whereabouts."

OH, WELL, IT'S NOT SUCH A COLD WORLD, AFTER ALL

Old Man, Who Only Knows the Tombs as His Home, Finds "Warmth" Outside.

Two men, one young the other old, both discharged prisoners, stood inside the vestibule door of the Tombs on Centre Street early to-day. The old man, John Kennedy, had just finished a six months' term for vagrancy. He wore summer clothes and shivered from the cold.

"I hate to go out," he remarked to the young man, "I am afraid I will freeze."

"The young man, Charles Albert, of No. 229 Broome Street, a chauffeur, had just ended a ten days' term for speeding. He was warmly clad beneath an expensive overcoat a worsted sweater showed.

"Where do you live?" he asked the old man.

"That's a joke," was the reply. "The Tombs is the only home I know."

Albert took off his overcoat and gave it to the old man. Then he slipped a bill into the latter's hand.

Steamer, Believed to Be the Cruiser Vineta, Dodges Allied Fleets and Dashes From North to South Atlantic, Destroying Shipping.

NEW TERROR OF THE SEA HAS BEEN OUT A MONTH

(By the United Press.)

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 17.—Twenty-three merchant ships have been sunk or captured by a new German raider whose exploits, revealed to-day, surpass any heretofore recorded in the world's naval history.

The commerce destroyer, believed to be the protected cruiser Vineta, probably eluded British patrols around Germany and raided from north to south across every transatlantic ocean steamship pathway.

Some of the survivors of ships sunk, landed to-day at Pernambuco, had been aboard the raider twenty-eight days, indicating that the raider must have been operating for at least four weeks. Probably she has been at large roaming the seas for six weeks or more, and is still at large.

One report from Rio de Janeiro to-day said an additional English steamer had been sunk with a loss of 400 lives, but this had not been confirmed up to this afternoon.

[Most of the vessels named in the Admiralty and Buenos Ayres announcements were last reported in South American waters. The Voltaire and the George must have been sunk in the Northern Atlantic while the raider was on her way south.]

[No mention of loss of life is made in the British Admiralty report, which states that 400 persons, in addition to the 237 landed in Brazil, were placed aboard the British ship Yarrowdale. These, it is supposed, are to be put ashore at some South American port. It is possible the Yarrowdale is the ship reported in despatches from Buenos Ayres as having been sunk without warning with a loss of 400 lives. This vessel is listed at Buenos Ayres as having been sunk. The British Admiralty says the steamer was captured.]

[It is suggested in some reports that the two captured ships—the Yarrowdale and St. Theodore—have also been turned into raiders.]

A late despatch from Rio Janeiro says the raider's name is "Vine" and says the number of ships sunk there is reported as twenty-two, less than the number given in other despatches.

First news of the raider came in despatches from Pernambuco, detailing the landing there by the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru of sailors from five steamers sunk by the Teutonic commerce destroyer thirty miles off Pernambuco. The ships which fell victims were said to have included the British steamers Dramatist and Radnorshire, the latter bound from Bahia to Havre and London, and other French and Allied merchantmen.

A despatch from Rio added the steamships Samara, Drina, Ortega and Hammershus to the list of victims.

In all, 237 survivors from the victims of the German raiders were landed at Pernambuco, the despatch said.

Rio information to-day was that the raider had also torpedoed the French schooners Nantes and Asnières, and added the following ships to the list which had been sunk:

Steamers Newportland, Nouant, Sempel, San Giorgio, Nesser, King George, Yarrowdale, St. Hiodor, Michsnethiel, St. Sael, Snowdon Grange and Gally, the latter of Norwegian register.

Among the sailors landed were many Indians, according to advice reaching here, who contradicted the earlier report from Pernambuco as to the identity of the raider. They asserted that the vessel's name was indecipherable, owing to the fact that she was painted a dead black. These survivors described the raider as armed with twelve cannon and four torpedo tubes.

A late Rio message to-day quotes the steamship Heiberby as authority for the information that "another English ship has been sunk, without warning, and with a loss of 400." The despatch did not make clear